THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI KRISHNAM RAJU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) On 18 July 2001, a routine query was made by Army Headquarters to a foreign equipment supplier, with office in Delhi, seeking information about certain equipments. This was not a secret message but, an unclassified query involving no breach of security. The recipient of the message faxed the message back to Army Headquarters asking for a repeat of the message as the original fax was not legible. During this fax sent by the supplier, it appears that the telephone lines had a wrong connection and the fax which was correctly received at the Army Headquarters also got transmitted to the fax of Shri V.P. Singh.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) The question does not arise in view of the answer at (c) above.

(e) Security measures are in place in Army Headquarters to ensure that national security is not jeopardized.

Setting up of Geo-spatial Technology Institute

2617. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are planning to set up a Geo-spatial Technology Institute to cater the needs of the armed forces;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any request from the Government of Andhra Pradesh has been received for setting up of such institute at Hyderabad; and

(d) if so, when such request was received and the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI KRISHNAM RAJU): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The request received in April 2001, has been considered by the Department of Defence R&D and Department of Space, being the concerned Departments. There is no proposal for setting up of such institute.

Performance of Institute of Defence Studies Analyses

2618. SHRI R.P. GOENKA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn towards the news-item captioned "Institute for Dodgy, Stolen Analyses" which appeared in the 'Hindustan